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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

With the close of the War, Librarians and Library Trustees indeed have a great responsibility. Not only will men and women of the armed forces have to make adjustments in their way of living and seek new occupations, but the men and women who have accustomed themselves to conditions of War emergency must now readjust to a world of peace.

I know of no better place to find reliable unbiased information to help make these adjustments than in the public libraries as well as other libraries in this land. We have won two wars, but now we must win the peace. In many respects this is a greater task than winning the war. We must constantly seek for the truth and work and act with wisdom.

Librarians, it is your business to keep the public supplied with unbiased information.

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I have recently received information in answer to a wire to Thomas G. Burch (Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads) concerning the Bill H. R. 3235 to readjust postage rates on books. Under this bill as submitted the postage on the school books is less than charged under the present law."

"We are in agreement in the estimate of the value of books in our modern democratic society. We believe you will agree, however, that that is not true of all books. Some of the publishers are flooding the country with a class of so called literature, which to say the least, is not particularly uplifting, for which they are reaping tremendous profit. Certainly the business of these publishers should not be subsidized by the Government." (i.e., having cheap postage rates on all books.)

During that rainy first week of June, Mr. Hart and I drove up to Boise to keep an appointment with the Governor which had been planned after long correspondence.

After a slight delay we were taken to the Governor's office, and though we were aware that we had called on a very busy day, we received Mr. Gossett's undivided attention and we asked many searching questions. Our impression was that Mr. Gossett will give his full support to enlarging library service in Idaho.

We related the possibilities of distribution of surplus properties in Idaho to libraries, how these books and equipment will be utilized only in the furtherence of rural library work; the fact that the state agency, operating as it does on a token budget, cannot qualify the state for obtaining these goods.

We told him of the Association's plans for legislation for asking the Legislature to pass permissive legislation allowing existing libraries to make contracts with other libraries and to allow county and regional libraries. State aid to libraries was discussed, as was the question of certification of librarians.

We discussed what a state agency could do in encouraging and organizing libraries in small towns and rural areas. We offered statistics and programs of the state agencies in neighboring states.

Throughout this talk the Governor and his secretary, Mr. Beckwith, were quite sympathetic and were anxious to know what the state executive could do.

At the close the governor suggested that I submit to him a summary of our report and that he could use it in his message to the legislature.

Paul W. Scott, Vice President

THE LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT FUND

The campaign for the Library Development Fund is going forward with encouraging results. However, there are still members who have not contributed or pledged to contribute to this fund. Several states have gone over their goal and others are approaching their goal.

Idaho's goal is $380.00 but up to June 21, 1945 only $167.00 or 46 per cent of this goal has been received in receipts and pledges. It is the desire of the Idaho Library Association that Idaho contribute one hundred per cent to this worthwhile project.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

At a recent meeting of the Idaho State Library Association the following committees were appointed:

Membership:

Miss Jessie Fraser, Chairman, Twin Falls Public
Miss Marion L. Bingham, Boise Public

Publications:

Mrs. Lenore C. Passey, Chairman, Ricks College
Mrs. Olive T. Bess, College of Idaho
Mrs. Irene Fackler, Idaho Falls Public
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Miss Marion C. Orr, Chairman
Paul W. Scott
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U. of I. Law Library

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LIBRARY NOTES

A position for a trained librarian is available in the Carnegie Library at Lewiston. The salary will probably be $185.00. Applications can be made to the Library Board at Lewiston.

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You may already belong to the Pacific Northwest Library Association. In that case, will you try to find some board member or staff member who does not belong and give the enclosed invitation to that person. The vitality of our library work is reflected in the degree of our willingness to work together. The challenge of the post war era cannot be denied.

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We hope to have the bulletin out on time next quarter.